(b) how much damaged, discoloured, sprouted, immature, shrunken and shrivelled paddy has been purchased by Food Corporation of India, district-wise in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) To mitigate the sufferings of the farmers the Government of India have allowed FCI to procure paddy affected by the cyclone in November, 1991 in certain districts of Andhra Pradesh with certain relaxations in the specifications as indicated in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below) No quantity of paddy either under the relaxed specifications or otherwise has, however, been sold by the farmers to the FCI during 1991-92 as prices of paddy in the open market were higher than the minimum support price.

Statement

PADDY

(*Superfine and Fine Varieties*)

Uniform Specifications during 1991-92		Relaxations accorded by Govt. of India on 22-11-1991	
Refraction	Maximum limit	Refraction	Maximum limit
Damaged, Discoloured, Sprouted and Weevilled grains;	3%	Damaged, Sprouted and weevilled grains	5%
Immature, Shri velled & Shrunken grains	3%	Discoloured grains. Immature, Shrivel-ed & Shrunken grains.	10% 4%
Moisture	18%	Moisture	20%*

*With full value cut over 18%.

Sugar Factories

2548. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Sugar Factories, the number of those assisted in undertaking sugarcane development in the factory area, research projects and for rehabilitation and modernisation of sugar factories under Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982;

(b) whether the funds continued to be paid from the Consolidated Fund of India frequently and not from other sources; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The State-wise number of Sugar factories, the number of factories assisted etc. is at Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No[illegible] 57).

(b) and (c) The Sugar Cess Act, 1982, as amended from time to time provides for the levy and collection of Cess of Rs. 14/- per quintal on all sugar produced by any sugar factory in India for being credited to the Consolidated Fund of India. The Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982 provides that an amount equi-

valent to the proceeds of the Cess levied and collected under the Sugar Cess Act, 1982, reduced by the cost of collection as determined by Central Government, together with any moneys received by the Central Government for the purpose of this Act, shall, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law, be credited to the Fund. In accordance with these provisions, funds from the Consolidated Fund of India are transferred to the Sugar Development Fund for being applied for the purposes stipulated in the Sugar Development Fund Act.

Transfer orders by Head Office of C.W.C.

2549. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Head Office of the Central Warehousing Corporation issued certain transfer orders for high officials;

(b) if so, whether Calcutta Region office of the Central Warehousing Corporation flouted the orders;

(c) if so, what was the reason therefor; and

(d) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Transfer Policy of Central Warehousing Corporation

2550. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation has any transfer policy obtaining in the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, what are the focal points thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) has framed its own policy guidelines for effecting transfers of its employees. The major aspects covered by these guidelines are as follows:

(i) The officers and the staff of CWC are liable to be transferred and posted anywrere in India.

(ii) In practice, the above condition is generally enforced in the case of Group 'A' and Group 'B' officers who are normally retained at a particular station for a period of three years.

(iii) The transfers of Group 'C' staff are, as far as possible, made within the same Region/State.

(iv) Group 'D' officials are generally posted in the State of their domicile.

(v) Requests from serving husbands and wives for posting at the same station are given due consideration.

(vi) In all cases mentioned above, the postings and transfers are, in any event, subject to administrative exigencies.

(vii) The authorities competent to make transfers at different levels have been prescribed.

Food Corporation of India

2551. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been areas of unsatisfactory functioning in Food Corporation of India; if so, the details thereof;